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SUBJ: MEETING OF LA FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BOGOTA

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1. THE SUB-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. CESPEDES, ASKED ME AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD ATTEND THE NOV. MEETING IN BOGOTA. I REPLIED ALONG LINES OF REFTEL. CESPEDES SAID HE THOUGHT THAT OUR POSITION WAS RIGHT, AND HE HAD ASSUMED THAT THE NOV. MEETING IN BOGOTA WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE IN WHICH LA MINISTERS DEVELOPED CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING, INDICATING THAT DOMESTIC POLITICS HAD A LARGE PART TO PLAY IN COLOMBIA'S MOVING SO QUICKLY TO HOST THE CONFERENCE.

2. CESPEDES SAID THE GOB HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON REPRESENTATION. PRESIDENT BANZER IS TO VISIT B.A. FROM NOV 12 TO 15, DURING WHICH TIME THE FORNMIN WILL BE INTERIM PRESIDENT. FURTHERMORE THE FORN MIN WILL PROBABLY LEAVE THE MINISTRY AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE THEREAFTER. (SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON FORN MIN'S COMMENTS TO ME ON THESE POINTS.)

3. CESPEDES SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY SEND A CAPABLE OFFICIAL TO THE PLANNING MEETINGS SCHEDULED BEFORE THE FORN MINISTERS

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